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HONGKONG, MARCH 28TH, 1905.

The Volunteer movement is one that affords a vast number of differing points of view, and he would be a bold man who, venturing to discuss the question, were to assert that he had assumed the only right one. The logicians quarrel for some reason with the adage that truth rests between two extremes, but in connection with our view of the Volunteers, we may assume that it lies somewhere between the opinion that duels them mere carpet soldiers, and the other that would have us accept Volunteer training as the first essential of any man hoping to claim rank as a useful citizen.

At Home, up to the time of the Boer war, the Volunteer was not considered in the light of an all-important personage. It was not thought wrong by many to speak jestingly of his company as the "Royal Standbys," and so on. The long immunity from danger of invasion had had the effect of persuading the average Briton that there could be, in fact, no such danger, and therefore the men whose avowed duty was restricted to fighting a foe who was unlikely to come fell in for that sort of chaff. For the rank and file, the effect of a red-coat on pretty housemaids was appreciated; for the officers, were their coats not gaudier still? And, anyway, as well that as another hobby. The startling discovery that there were volunteers actually willing to volunteer, for actual service; and that their services, when accepted, should have proved of such signal service, changed all that. The value of a training hitherto never put to any real test became apparent at the same time that the pessimists discovered the era of peace had not reigned long enough to stagnate the old fighting spirit that had put

the British in the forefront of the nations. The Volunteer forces at Home now number over two hundred and forty one thousand men, exclusive of yeomanry, shooting clubs, and, of course, militia. Out here, in Hongkong and the China ports, where there have been more frequent "excursions" and alarms, how is it that there are not a like pitch of enthusiasm? Is it that there are no pretty housemaids to fascinate, and no gaudy uniform with which to do it? Or is it that the Briton in the Far East is made of different stuff? We are not submitting these as alternatives. We hasten to add that the necessity of either answer is not apparent. The probability is that, taking a right average of per centage to population, the volunteer movement in these parts is as well supported as, if not better than, it is elsewhere. Our communities are numerically small, and the per centage of eligibles is not nearly so great in Shanghai and Hongkong as people might imagine. Kipling's "young men" at our Empire's outposts grow old sometimes, and they do not then always flock Home to make room for younger colonists. To many men of advanced age, Shanghai or Hongkong is Home, and they seek no other. Then there is the fact that for some mysterious reason the Far East diminishes the individual energy, to an extent for which climate alone cannot account. There is also the fact that the alarms that seemed to call for volunteers were raised by despised enemies. What great training was needed to fight a few Chinese, some potential Volunteer may be imagined to have asked. There is another point to which our attention has lately turned, the possibility that those who seem to have taken the Volunteer movement to heart may have been defeating their own ends. At Shanghai, where, somewhat tardily, they are giving electoral privileges to those who volunteer for public service, it has been repeatedly and publicly announced that a man who is fit to make a volunteer and does not, is a worthless citizen. This, apart from its untruth, is scarcely the way to attract the sympathetic attention of outsiders. At Hongkong, His Excellency the GOVERNOR has made it his particular interest to foster the movement locally; and in his recent speech we seem to detect an underlying disappointment that such high official countenance should have been productive of no greater result. In this connection, we may quote a passage from the just issued report of the Hongkong Rifle Association. In it, the hon. sec., Mr. MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOKE says: "The formation of the (Hongkong Volunteer Rifle) Association has deprived us of many possible members who might have done much to stimulate this Association and revive its flagging interest in the sport of rifle shooting, and in view of the establishment of this rival Association and of the proposal to form a Volunteer Rifle Club which will absorb most, if not all, of our active members, the question arises whether the time has not now come when this Association must cease to exist." At present, there seems little occasion to comment on that. It seems sufficiently eloquent by itself, and reading it, many will form an opinion of the state of things locally which subsequent circumstances may or may not prove to be a correct one.

The U.S. collier *Manshan* arrived from Tong-ho Island yesterday.

The Portuguese cruiser *Adamastor* arrived from Macao yesterday.

On the s.s. *Coptic*'s last trans-Pacific voyage to Hongkong a man committed suicide by jumping overboard.

A Chinaman was yesterday sentenced to fourteen days' hard labour for stealing a junk anchor and pawning it at Yau-tai for \$2.

The appointment of Mr. H. E. R. Hunter as Manager of the Shanghai Branch of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank is officially announced.

The s.s. *Gregory Apear* arrived from Calcutta yesterday. At sea on the 25th inst. in Lat. 14° 8' N., Lon. 110.7° E., she supplied a Chinese junk with provisions.

Two Chinamen from Australia were yesterday charged with carrying a revolver and dagger respectively without a license. The former was fined \$5 and the other \$1.

A stowaway from Singapore on the s.s. *Foye* when charged yesterday, said he was an American coming to join the U.S. Navy. The case was remanded till Friday to give the defendant a chance of getting into the U.S. Navy.

The week's plague return brings the total number of cases for the year up to 22, adding only one to the previous total. The one was a Chinese imported from Canton. Other communicable diseases recorded was small-pox, three Chinese cases, and one Indian, imported.

A Chinaman was yesterday sentenced to three months' hard labour and to receive twelve strokes with the birch for snatching a hairpin from a Chinese woman's hair.

Tong Shao-ji, the Chinese Commissioner who is to negotiate with the Indian Government a Convention of adhesion on the part of the Chinese Government to the Anglo-Tibetan Treaty, arrived at Calcutta on February 17th.

Sir G. Parker, who has been in the Transvaal recently, says that the Chinese earned 2s. a day with comparative ease and that he had never seen more healthy-looking men. Their conduct, too, had been highly satisfactory. As to white labour in the mines, it had been tried and failure had been the result. The Boer farmers would not view the abrogation of the Ordinance with favour, because the employment of the coolies set the Kaffirs free for work upon the farms.

The public ballot decided that the Dallas Bandmann Company should reproduce last night the musical comedy "The Girl from Kays." There was a fairly well filled house. The many pretty songs were enthusiastically received, and many encored had to be given. To-night the Company will appear for the last time this season when "A Country Girl" will be staged. The Company is booked to open in Shanghai on the 1st April, and will leave for that port to-morrow morning. On their return they will probably play for another short season in Hongkong.

The Times had this outspoken passage in a recent leader: "This nation yields to none in its anxiety to see an end put to this devastating war, but the end must be a real and substantial peace, not a mere armistice containing the seeds of future trouble. Loyalty to our ally, and regard for our own substantial interests in the Far East, alike require us to scrutinize with the greatest care any proposals which may lead to pave the way for such action by combined Powers as has once already been taken against Japan and against commercial freedom. It is no secret that there are ambitions which seek satisfaction in a more extended partitioning of China to the exclusion of ourselves and other nations. Our desire for peace, genuine as it is, must not be allowed to hurry us into supporting specious proposals which may facilitate the renewal of attack upon Japanese interests and the commercial interests of the world by combinations which need not be particularized."

Speaking at Berkhill, the Hon. T. A. Brassey referred to the difficulties that had always met any attempt to increase the Naval Reserve and reduce the permanent force by enlisting in the Reserve British seamen in the mercantile marine. He suggested that the Admiralty should subsidize shipowners who would take boy apprentices, which at present they were not prepared to do except in the case of boys who eventually became officers. He pointed out that 41.3 per cent. of seamen in British ships were lascars or foreigners. The Navy would gain by the adoption of his suggestion by these boys becoming enrolled in the Royal Naval Reserve. He did not entirely agree with the action of the Admiralty in taking out of commission the whole of the 150 ships scheduled, as many of them were of the same calibre as were now in commission in the French and Russian navies. In time of war the number of ships rather than their fighting power was of the greatest importance, and the vessels he mentioned would serve admirably as commerce protectors round our own coasts.

Reporting the seizure of the *Sylvania*, the Times says the hull is insured against war risks for £30,000, and the cargo and freight for £25,000, making £55,000. Of this amount £51,000 falls on the London market, and £4,000 is covered on behalf of the owners. With regard to the *Powderham*, the same paper says it arrived at Woosung as long ago as January 18th, and was detained in Chinese waters while attempts were made to get her voyage to Vladivostok cancelled. These attempts proved unsuccessful; and underwriters have to meet the expense of demurrage as well as a total loss on hull and cargo, should these be condemned. The hull is insured against war risks for £22,000, and the total insurance liability on hull, coal, cargo and freight, including demurrage, amounts to about £45,000. These two seizures increase the number of captures reported since January 13th to fourteen, on which the war risk insurance covered by Lloyd's and marine companies amount to nearly £300,000.

THE UNITED STATES AND CHINA.

The Chinese Minister presented, on the 18th February, through the President, to the United States, an oil painting of the Dowager-Empress of China, saying: "Recent events have proved that on the disinterested friendship of the United States, China can place the firmest reliance. The Empress, desiring to show in signal manner her sense of this friendship, offers her portrait." The President, accepting with pleasure, assured the Minister that he rightly understood the regard of the American Government for the Empress and the Chinese people. He assured him also that this mutual friendship would be maintained and strengthened in all ways.

The M.M. str. *Armand Belic*, with the next French mail, left Singapore yesterday at 4 p.m., for this port via Saigon.

The F.M. str. *Siberia*, with mails, &c., from San Francisco to the 8th inst. via Honolulu, leaves Yokohama for this port via Kobe, &c., this morning, the 28th inst., and is due here on the 7th April.

The C.P.R. str. *Athenaeum* left Yokohama on Sunday, the 26th inst., p.m., for Victoria and Vancouver.

The C.N. str. *Taiwan*, from Australian ports, left Manila on the 27th inst., p.m., and is due here to-morrow at daylight.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The letter on the question of currency in China is addressed from Hawk to the *Economist Francés*. The writer of the letter says that in presence of all the inherent difficulties of the actual monetary system of China, and of the character and customs of the population, one arrives at the point of despair of ever establishing a gold standard in China. Though the task will be long and hard, it does not follow that it is impossible. The actual customs of the Chinese population, being the results of the conditions of existence, modify themselves little by little to the conditions. As modern industry penetrates into the country, as railways run everywhere like furrows, as steam and electricity leave their mark, the adaptation to the new circumstances will not fail to be effected. The essential thing at the present moment is to precipitate nothing, and to leave the evolution to follow its natural course.

It is suggested that the duty of the Government of China is to resist the partisans of instantaneuous reforms and not entangle itself with measures which, failing an equilibrium with the actual social state of the population, can only be a source of perturbation and crises for the people. It is equally however, the task of the Government to immediately set to work within possible limits.

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TELEGRAMS.

["DAILY PRESS" SERVICE.]

A RUSSIAN BUBBLE BURST.

LONDON, 27th March.

The bubble of Russian financial solvency, inflated by bogus reports and photographs of gold bullion, and kept afloat by paying interest with new loans, has burst.

Reports from St. Petersburg, of trustworthy nature, announce a "terrible" deficit in the exchequer. The Boer farmers would not view the abrogation of the Ordinance with favour, because the employment of the coolies set the Kaffirs free for work upon the farms.

Grave fears of a financial panic on the Continent are expressed. In Paris, bondholders are already facing a serious catastrophe.

GERMANY, FRANCE, AND MOROCCO.

LONDON, 27th March.

Feeling between Germany and France vis à vis Morocco is undergoing a severe strain.

Germany refuses to discuss the Morocco question with France at all, insisting on the observance of the absolute integrity of Morocco, and on the undisputed sovereignty of its Sultan.

[REUTER'S SERVICE.]

THE RUSSIAN LOAN NEGOTIATIONS.

LONDON, 25th March.

The Committee of the Paris Stock Exchange have officially announced that the Russian Loan negotiations have been resumed, and are now proceeding quite satisfactorily.

THE JAPANESE LOAN.

LONDON, 25th March.

The English half of the new Japanese loan of £30,000,000 Sterling has already been underwritten in England, and the American half over-subscribed in New York.

THE WAR.

[BY COURTESY OF THE JAPANESE CONSUL.]

PRISONERS RELEASED.

TOKYO, 27th March.

Of the Russian non-combatants fallen into our hands in the battle of Mukden, the following were released. The released in front of our advanced guard were 47 men ranking as officers, 359 ranking as non-commissioned officers, 9 nurses, 2 priests and 4 merchants attached to the army. Those released at their desire in Chefoo or Shanghai were 23 men ranking as officers, 23 nurses and 293 ranking as non-commissioned officers.

[REUTER'S SERVICE.]

THE THIRD BALTIC SQUADRON.

LONDON, 25th March.

Russia's third Baltic squadron has arrived at Port Said. The vessels are heavily laden with stores, and are shipping delay, being apparently anxious to avoid delay. They were to sail last night for Jibutil.

THE PEACE PROSPECTS.

LONDON, 25th March.

The partisans of peace are daily becoming more numerous, even in the official world, their hopes being based on the certainty that the Japanese conditions will be more onerous a few months hence.

GOLD STANDARD FOR CHINA.

[By C. H. T. LEWIS]

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"A good reliable book-keeper costs not less than £250 per month and a chief collector costs me £150 per month. In the past my customers, whom I could not conveniently find, and some who did not pay their accounts on demand, have cost me many friends, and doubtless the influence that they have over their friends, all of which injures me in a business way, simply because I have attempted to accommodate the public by extending credit.

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AN ENTHUSIASTIC KOWLOONIST.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "

SUPREME COURT.

Monday 27th March.

IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.
BEFORE SIR H. S. BERKELEY (CHIEF JUSTICE).

WING CHONG FATT FIRM V. KWONG TAK WING FIRM.

This was an issue as to whether Wong Sun Nam was a partner in the Kwong Tak Wing firm. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., instructed by Mr. H. G. C. Bailey (of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Minster), appeared for the plaintiffs, and Mr. H. G. Calthrop, instructed by Mr. G. Hastings (of Mr. John Hastings' office) for the defendant.

Mr. Pollock—The plaintiffs have obtained judgment against the Kwong Tak Wing firm, and an order was made by Sir William Goodman on the 20th July to see if Wong Sun Nam was a partner in the Kwong Tak Wing firm at the time the cause of action arose, February, 1904. An amount of flour had to be delivered between February and April 1904, was delivered, we did not get payment, and sued the Kwong Tak Wing firm for the price of the flour. The defendants did not take up and pay for the flour and we sold it by public auction at a loss. This action is also a test for a second action, as my friend, Mr. Calthrop, consents. The present action, No. 55 of 1904, will govern a similar issue in No. 86 of 1904. It is rather important to refer Your Lordship in the first instance to an affidavit filed by the defendant showing the position he takes up with regard to the matter of partnership. The affidavit is dated the 15th July 1904, and in it the defendant denies ever having been a partner in the Kwong Tak Wing firm, and this is a very important allegation in view of the evidence I shall call in this action. The evidence on behalf of the plaintiff will show that the plaintiff was started in November or December 1899, and a few months afterwards the defendant firm was started. In February 1900 a flour combine was formed between the plaintiff firm, the defendant firm and four other firms. I understand that the object of this flour combine was to buy flour to be imported from Portland, Oregon. The flour came in single shipments from the Pacific ports, and these shipments were divided into six lots, one for each of the respective firms. The flour was to be paid for by drafts drawn by the Portland Flouring Mills Company of Portland, Oregon, on the respective consignees of the flour, each consignee having a bill drawn on him. I think the payees in each instance were Ladd and Tilton, who, I suppose, are people on the other side. The people to whom the bills were endorsed were the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China, in Hongkong, for collection. It was a part of the agreement between the six firms that each should back by endorsement the bills drawn on the other firms. About a month after this combine was entered into two persons, Wong Shing Tak and Wong Sun Nam, came from the defendant firm to the plaintiff firm about the endorsing of a bill of exchange, and Wong Shing Tak addressed Mr. Tang Lam Kok, the managing partner of the plaintiff firm, and requested him to put his firm's chop on the back of a bill of exchange. The bill of exchange was not actually brought, but was coming forward. Mr. Tang Lam Kok asked Wong Shing Tak who were the partners in the Kwong Tak Wing firm. Wong Shing Tak answered "I am a partner, Wong Sun Nam is a partner," and he also mentioned the names of two or three others. Wong Sun Nam said "Yes, yes." This conversation took place before Cheng Ngok Pau, who is a partner in the plaintiff firm. It was under the first combine. A second combine was formed in September or October of 1904, when two firms in the original combine dropped out. The plaintiff firm and defendant firm joined the new combine; there were four firms in it altogether. The second combine closed operations in June or July 1902. The evidence mentioned will show that Wong Sun Nam's statement that he never was a partner in the defendant firm cannot be accepted. It will show that he is very unreliable when he states that he never was a partner at any time. If Your Lordship is satisfied with the evidence produced that Wong Sun Nam was a partner in March 1901, you will hold that his partnership continued till a later date unless he publicly advertised to the contrary. He cannot get rid of the responsibility unless he gives public notice of retirement, but he says that he never was a partner. I shall call before you as a witness Mr. Chan Kwong Loong, a contractor who has been carrying on business for some years in Hongkong, and he will say that a man came to him at the latter end of 1901 and asked him to go and see the defendant at the defendant's shop. He did go, and saw Wong Sun Nam there. Wong Sun Nam then told Chan Kwong Loong to build for him nine houses on Island Lot 501. It appears this was the first time that Chan Kwong Loong had met Wong Sun Nam, and when this question came up, asked him who he was. Wong Sun Nam informed him that he had a share in the Kwong Tak Wing firm. The contract, it appears, was for \$35,800, and was signed by Wong Sun Nam in the name of Wong Loong, an alias. Chan Kwong Loong was partly paid in rice, and received orders on various rice shops from Wong Sun Nam. These orders for rice are dated, some in July, and some in August 1902. That shows that Your Lordship cannot accept Wong Sun Nam's affidavit saying that he never was a partner in the defendant firm. We shall call one or two flour brokers who will speak as to transactions coming down to 1904, and they will tell Your Lordship that all of them entered into contracts with the Kwong Tak Wing firm, and that no person dealt with them.

there was Wong Sun Nam. Action 62 of 1903 was an action brought against Wong Sun Nam in the name of Wong Loong, in which he entered into the contract with reference to these nine houses, Chan Kwong Loong v. Wong Loong. The statement of claim was filed on the 17th June 1903, and paragraph two reads: "The defendant is a merchant who carries on business at No. 86, Wing Lok Street, Victoria aforesaid, under the style or firm name of Kwong Tak Wing." Paragraph one in the reply says that the defendant admits paragraphs one and two of the statement of claim.

His Lordship—What do you say to that, Mr. Calthrop, were you aware of that?

Mr. Calthrop—No, but he, no doubt, was a man in that shop, but he will state that he never was a partner. He only admits he carried on business. He did not say he was a partner.

His Lordship—Loose pleading.

Mr. Calthrop—Yes, My Lord.

Evidence for the plaintiff was continuing when the case was adjourned until to-day.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

BEFORE MR. T. SYRCOMBE SMITH (PUSINE JUDGE).

CLAIMS AGAINST THE LAI FUNG FIRM.

Mr. O. D. Thomson appeared for the Yan Yut Lai, of 261, Des Vaux Road Central, merchants, who claimed \$1,000, money deposited, from the Lai Fung firm, of 63, Bonham Strand East, bankers. The defendants failed to appear and judgment was given for the plaintiff with costs.

Mr. Almada Castro, on behalf of the Wai Lau Kang, of 273, Des Vaux Road Central, traders, also made a claim of \$1,000 against the same defendants on account of money deposited, and received judgment with costs.

MARINE MAGISTRATE'S COURT.

Monday, 27th March:

BEFORE MR. BASIL R. H. TAYLOR (ASSISTANT HARBOUR MASTER).

Mr. Basil Taylor tried a case of negligent navigation preferred by P.C. Fred Norman against a Chinaman, the master of unlicensed steam launch 28. Complainant stated that while steaming from Blake Pier to Tou-po he saw the defendant on his port bow coming from the direction of the Kowloon Torpedo Depot. Defendant held his course instead of keeping clear as was his duty, and complainant had to starboard 2½ points, only clearing the defendant by about fifteen feet.

The defendant said he did not keep out of the way because he had two lighters in tow. His certificate was suspended for a month.

THE HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

The annual general meeting of the association will be held at Volunteer Headquarters (by permission of Major Pritchard, Commandant), on Thursday, the 30th March 1905, at 5.30 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of passing the accounts and electing a new committee and officers for 1905.

The Admiralty having transferred their range early in the year from Kowloon to Stonecutters, the old arrangement which had worked well for some years had to be given up. Owing to this change, and to the uncertainty of range accommodation in what is now known as the King's Park, the usual Easter Prize Meeting was not held.

Up to the present no further steps have been taken in the matter of Amalgamation with the Army Rifle Association, suggested by Major General Sir Wm. Gascoigne at the time when the King's Park was first mooted, and it became evident that our present range would eventually have to be abandoned, and which was agreed to at our General Meeting of 20th Feb., 1903, nor does it seem probable that such amalgamation will now take place.

Except for a few weeks prior to the Interport Match little interest was taken by members in rifle shooting throughout the year, the average attendance at Shoot Competitions being not more than eight.

The formation of the above referred to Association has deprived us of many possible members who might have done much to stimulate this Association and revive its flagging interest in the sport of rifle shooting, and in view of the establishment of this rival Association and of the proposal to form a Volunteer Rifle Club which will absorb most, if not all, of our active members, the question arises whether the time has not now come when this Association must cease to exist.

Hongkong tied with Singapore for the Interport Match with a total of 919, but unfortunately lost on the tie, our total at the longest range being 290 against their 291. Shanghai scored 908 and Penang did not finish.

MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,
Honorary Secretary.

[The accounts show an income for the year of \$669.03. The balance, in hand and Bank, amounts to \$364.58.]

It is not the intention at present to take any steps for the reduction of the Chinese regiment at Weihaiwei. Most satisfactory accounts are received of the discipline and soldierly qualities of the non-commissioned officers and men of the corps, in which service is very popular. It has therefore been decided to continue the battalion under existing conditions.

POLICE COURT.

Monday, 27th March.

BEFORE MR. F. A. HAZELAND (FIRST POLICE MAGISTRATE).

REX V. PUNCHARD, LOWTHIER AND COMPANY.

His Worship delivered judgment in this case as follows:—

The defendants, Messrs. Punchard, Lowthier and Company, were summoned before me for unlawfully using cargo boats in the waters of the Colony without a license contrary to Ordinance 19 of 1899, and the regulations made under the authority of the said Ordinance.

It was contended by the defendants that the cargo boats, the subject matter of the charge, were the property of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, and not the property of the defendants.

In support of this contention the solicitor for the defendants put in a copy of a section of the contract made between the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty and the defendants, Messrs. Punchard, Lowthier and Company. The section is as follows:—

"Until the completion of the works to be carried out under this contract, all temporary buildings, appliances, plant, and machinery of all description provided by the contractor for use on the works shall, from the time they are placed on any part of the site set apart by the Civil Engineer-in-Chief for the works at Hongkong, become the absolute property of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty (but subject to the use thereof by the contractor or any other person or persons—employed on his behalf, and shall not be removed from any of the sites without the previous consent in writing of the Civil Engineer-in-Chief. On the final completion of the works the whole of the temporary buildings, appliances, &c., &c., referred to in this clause shall be removed by and at the cost of the Contractor, and upon such removal shall revert in aid become the property of the Contractor."

It will be observed from the above section of this agreement that before any property vests in the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty it is a condition precedent that it should only vest "from the time they are placed on any part of the site." By no stretch of language or juggling with words can a cargo boat used for conveying materials to these works be regarded as having been "placed on any part of the site."

I am moreover of opinion that it was not in the contemplation of the parties at the time of making this agreement that vessels used in conveying materials should be included in the said section.

Assuming for the purposes of argument that there is an ambiguity as to the meaning of the words "placed on any part of the site" it is a rule of construction that an ambiguity is to be construed most strictly against the promisee and in favour of the liberty of the promisor.

I am therefore of opinion that the cargo boats, the subject matter of this charge, are the property of the defendants and not the property of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty.

By the regulations made under the Ordinance it is deduced that all cargo boats must be duly licensed.

I therefore convict the defendants. As the present proceedings are in the nature of a test case, I propose inflicting a nominal penalty of \$5.

Mr. Wilkinson, solicitor for the defendants—I beg to make an application, under Section 97, for Your Worship to review your decision that these cargo boats do not come within the meaning of the word "plant."

His Worship—They must be placed on the site.

Mr. Wilkinson—The only witness said that the cargo boats were included in the word "plant," and were placed upon the site. I take it that the very admission made by my friend.

His Worship—I told you that no admission was binding on me.

Mr. Wilkinson—To properly construe a document the first thing is to find out what was the intention of the parties. The intention was evidently this:—In case of the firm failing, everything in connection with doing the work should revert to the Admiralty. These cargo boats were purchased expressly for the work, so it is abundantly clear that they form part of the plant.

It would suit my clients admirably if your decision were correct.

The site, however, is the whole area of the dock, and at one time consisted of land covered by water. It is all reclamation and at the commencement of the contract there was no land, or very little. On this ground I ask Your Worship to reconsider your decision, and if you require evidence I shall call Mr. Williams to prove that the cargo boats are always within this area.

His Worship—I am afraid a rehearing must be refused, but I give you leave to appeal.

Mr. Wilkinson—I ask you to take a note of Mr. Taylor's admission that the boats belong to the Admiralty.

His Worship—No, that has nothing to do with it.

Mr. Wilkinson—I wish to call evidence to prove that these boats are anchored within the basin.

His Worship—if you wish it, under the circumstances, I will allow that.

Mr. Wilkinson—I wish to call evidence as to where these boats were placed.

His Worship—Very well, on Wednesday at twelve o'clock.

The visitors to the City Hall Library and Museum during the week ending the 26th March, 1905, were 230 non-Chinese, and 91 Chinese to the former, and 103 non-Chinese, and 1,873 Chinese to the latter institution.

HAMBURG.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT).

21st February.

The strike in the Ruhr district has at last come to an end through want of funds. At a meeting of the men's delegates on Feb. 9th the following resolution, which I give in a condensed form, was passed with only six dissentient votes out of 183:

"Whereas the domineering attitude (*Herrenstandpunkt*) assumed by the masters in persistently refusing to enter into negotiations is not likely to be shaken for the present, and whereas a continuation of the struggle would most seriously affect the economic conditions of the entire district and demand sacrifices from the men which we do not feel justified in imposing, and whereas public opinion has expressed itself almost unanimously in favour of the men, and government has under the influence of their recent imposing manifestations announced its intention of introducing a bill in the Reichstag for the establishment of trade chambers, the legalisation of the trade organisations and the amendment of the present mining laws on the following lines:—

1. Regulation of the working hours.
2. Prohibition or at any rate limitation of overtime.
3. Reform of the rules and regulations of the miners' benefit funds.
4. Revision of the present oppressive list of fines.
5. Abolition of "nulling."
6. Election of men's committees to take part in the management of the funds and to assist in caring and settling grievances.

It is hereby resolved that work at all the pits be resumed to-morrow morning. Should government however fail to fulfil its promises, we reserve to ourselves the right of again calling out the men, and desire to impress upon them the necessity of strengthening their organisations in order to be prepared for future emergencies."

This decision met at first with violent opposition on the part of the men, an overwhelming majority refusing to abide by it, stigmatising their leaders as traitors to the cause, and committing excesses of a more or less serious nature. It was feared at one time that the military would have to be called out after all, but this fortunately proved unnecessary, as the excitement gradually calmed down, the men returning to work reluctantly but in increasing numbers, and I am glad to say that work at almost all the pits is once more in full swing. The masters have in some instances attempted to reduce wages, and to refuse to reinstate some of the ringleaders, but they have on the whole met the men in a liberal spirit, and have in many cases advanced the usual payday in order to alleviate the prevailing distress. The bodies of policemen and gendarmes which had been drawn from other places in support of the local force are now being sent home.

The strikes in Silesia and other parts of Germany whether the infection had spread, are also dying out, but in Belgium the men are still holding aloof, whilst in Russia and Poland things seem to be going from bad to worse, the movement assuming more and more a political, and in the latter country even a distinctly national character. Many hands in St. Petersburg that had returned to work after that terrible 22 of January have again thrown it up, whilst in Moscow and in the South no settlement has yet been arrived at, and encounters with the military are the order of the day. In Warsaw, Lodz and other centres of industry in Poland the masters are offering to make concessions, but to no purpose, as racial hatred is becoming an important factor in the struggle; and, as already stated above, it is no longer a simple question of wages. Frequent conflicts with the troops have led to considerable bloodshed and numerous arrests, followed, if report speaks true, by numerous executions within the walls of the citadel in Warsaw. In fact the entire population of European Russia would appear to be in a state of ferment, and the cruel assassination of the Grand Duke Sergius in Moscow last week shows once more to what lengths the extremists are prepared to go. It is to be feared that under the circumstances the measures of reform which the Tsar is contemplating and which are now under discussion will not suffice to restore order.

ANGLO-GERMAN RELATIONS.

The relations between England and Germany continue to be discussed in the press of both countries, and I am glad to be able to state that even some of the most Anglophobe or garrulous here are beginning to regret and to blame the animosity displayed towards Great Britain during the war in South Africa; they place it on a line with the Greek and Polish eras of the last century without however withdrawing their sympathies from the Boers.

They remain very sensitive, however, and utterances such as those of Mr. Lee are not calculated to improve matters, although they really may have meant nothing. I am afraid, to judge by some of the English papers, that the feeling at home is less friendly towards this country, and that the bugbear of German hostility is still haunting the imagination of many Britons. If they would but take the trouble of looking at things with an unprejudiced mind they would soon arrive at a more correct view of the situation: Germany must have a powerful fleet for the protection of its ever growing ocean trade which is second only to our own; she may envy us our colonial possessions, just as people in England seem to be jealous of her commercial expansion, but we have no right to suppose that she has any intention of trying to wrest them from us by force. Few realize what war means to a country where every man is a soldier and every woman a nurse.

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No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned.

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Hongkong, 27th March, 1905. [830]

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No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent in to the Office of the Undersigned before NOON, on the 3rd April, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 3rd April, will be subject to road.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

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Hongkong, 27th March, 1904. [831]

HONGKONG CLUB.

NOTICE.

THE SEVENTH DRAWING of SIXTY-FIVE DEBENTURES of the Hongkong Club \$100 each, was held in the Hongkong Club House, on SATURDAY, the 18th inst., when the following Debentures were drawn for redemption:

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and will be payable at the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on the 31st day of March, 1905, in exchange for surrender of same.

By Order,

C. H. GRACE,

Secretary, Hongkong, 20th March, 1905. [832]

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company, will be held at the HONGKONG HOTEL, Victoria, Hongkong on FRIDAY, the Thirtieth day of March, 1905, at Noon, when the Subjoined Resolution which was passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on the 11th March, 1905, will be submitted for confirmation as a Special Resolution:

"That Article X of the Company's Articles of Association and its marginal notes be and so same are hereby cancelled and that there be substituted therefor the following Article and marginal notes namely:

"The Company in General Meeting may from time to time increase the capital by the creation of new shares of such amount as may be deemed expedient.

TERMS.—The new shares shall be issued upon such terms and conditions and with such rights and privileges annexed thereto as the General Meeting resolving upon the creation thereof shall direct and if no direction be given as the Directors shall determine.

3. Subject to any direction to the contrary that may be given by the Meeting that sanctions the increase of capital all new shares shall be offered to the parties who on a date to be named by the Meeting shall be members in proportion to the existing shares held by them and such offer shall be made by notice specifying the number of shares to which the Member is entitled and limiting a time within which the offer if not accepted will be deemed to be declined and after the expiration of such time or on the receipt of an intimation from the Member to whom such notice is given that he declines to accept the shares offered the Directors may dispose of the same in such manner as they think most beneficial to the Company.

4. Except so far as is otherwise provided by the conditions of issue or by these presents may capital raised by the creation of new shares be ordinary part of the original capital and shall be subject to the provisions herein contained with reference to the payment of calls and instalments transfer and transmission forfeiture and otherwise."

By Order of the Board of Directors,
W. G. WINTERBURN,
General Manager. Hongkong, 15th March, 1905. [1706]

WATKINS LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SIXTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICE No. 31, Queen's Road Central, or FRIDAY, the 31st March, 1905, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1904.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 24th to the 31st March, both days inclusive.

CHAN A FOOK,
G. A. WATKINS,
General Managers. Hongkong, 14th March, 1905. [705]

CAMPBELL, MOORE & CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE NINETEENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, No. 29, Queen's Road Central, or FRIDAY, the 31st March, 1905, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1904.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 19th to the 31st March, both days inclusive.

By Order,
M. A. A. SOUZA,
Secretary. Hongkong, 15th March, 1905. [71]

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE TWENTY-FIRST ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held in the COMPANY'S OFFICES, St. George's Building, No. 6, Connaught Road, Victoria, on SATURDAY, the 8th April, 1905, at 11 A.M. for the year ending 31st December, 1904, declaring a Dividend and Electing a Consulting Committee and Auditor.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from Wednesday, the 5th to Saturday, the 8th April, both days inclusive.

One COTTAGE PIANO, by W. Robinson & Co.

TERMS.—As Customary.

On View from Tuesday, the 28th March, 1905.

GEO. P. LAMMERT,

Auctioneer. Hongkong, 22nd March, 1905. [782]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from the COMMANDING OFFICER, THE HONGKONG VOLUNTEER CORPS, to sell by Public Auction,

TO-MORROW (WEDNESDAY), the 29th March, 1905, at 11 A.M., at the VOLUNTEER HEAD QUARTERS,

A QUANTITY OF CONDEMNED AND OBSOLETE STORES.

TERMS.—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,

Government Auctioneers. Hongkong, 27th March, 1905. [824]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from Pastor Th. Krielle, to Sell by Public Auction,

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One COTTAGE PIANO, by W. Robinson & Co.

TERMS.—As Customary.

On View from Tuesday, the 28th March, 1905.

GEO. P. LAMMERT,

Auctioneer. Hongkong, 23rd March, 1904. [788]

BOARD AND RESIDENCE.

THE FIFTEENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above Association will be held at the HEAD OFFICE, No. 26 The Bund, Shanghai, on TUESDAY, the 11th April, 1905, at 4.30 o'clock P.M. precisely, for presentation of the Report of the Directors and the Accounts to the 31st December, 1904, the election of Directors and Auditor for the current year, and for the purpose of transacting any other business which may be transacted at an Ordinary General Meeting.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Association will be CLOSED from the 1st of April to the 11th of April, 1905, both days inclusive.

Members holding proxies for absent Shareholders must deposit same with the Secretary for Registration at least Forty-Eight hours before the Meeting.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

W. S. JACKSON,

Secretary. Shanghai, 15th March, 1905. [807]

BOARD AND RESIDENCE.

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TO LET.

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Hongkong, 28th March, 1904. [8]

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TO LET.

FOUR OR FIVE OFFICE ROOMS on First Floor of "Hotel Mansions" facing the New Post Office and Hongkong Hotel.

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Hongkong, 3rd March, 1905. 675

TO LET.

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TO LET.

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LAUTS, WEGENER & CO.
Hongkong, 4th March, 1905. [61]

TO LET.

NO. 3, CANTON VILLAS, Kowloon.

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Hongkong, 27th March, 1905. [820]

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CHUNG SHUN KOO,
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Hongkong, 24th December, 1904. [92]

TO LET.

OFFICES in "Hotel Mansions," facing New Post Office and Hongkong Hotel.

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HENRY HUMPHREYS,
Alexandra Buildings.
Hongkong, 7th January, 1905. 180

TO LET.

NO. 1, RIPPON TERRACE. A HOUSE in WONG-NEI-CHONG ROAD, facing Race-course.

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Hongkong, 29th June, 1904. [8]

SCIENTIFIC MISCELLANY.

INSECT HEAT—TWIN EARTHQUAKES—CARBONATEUMSEA SOUNDING BY SOUND—EROSION IN BRITAIN—LUBRICATION FOR SHIPS—THE NEW LIFE-PRESERVEEN STUFFING—MIMICRY THAT DOES NOT Imitate—GENIUS NOT WANTED—A LONGITUDE STANDARD SETTLED.

A growing idea is that all living forms—over plants, fishes and insects—must develop some bodily heat, even though the amount be very small. Bringing together various observations, a French entomologist, A. Adelot, finds that a thermometer thrust into an ant hill has shown a rise of five degrees, that bees are warmer than the outer air in winter, and that when the bees were agitated the hives have grown so hot as to melt the wax. One observer has noted that creatures giving off the least heat have greatest resistance. Caterpillars may be frozen to brittleness and may exist for weeks in a cake of ice, yet may become active again on thawing out. On the other hand, insects may live in intense heat, termites and others in Brazil and elsewhere being active on the burning sand under a vibrant sun. This resistance to great heat and cold is not understood, and it is a fact, it may be added, that should be kept in mind by those who speculate on the possible life of other worlds.

Earthquakes often have more than one focus or apparent source. Pointing this out, Dr. C. Davidson notes that in Great Britain one earthquake in every twenty is a twin, with two distinct foci; and that the strongest shocks have had this character. The distance between the epicentres varies from four to twenty-three miles, the average for seven recent earthquakes being between ten and eleven miles. The foci seen to be at different points on the same fault, and the phenomenon is evidently not due to refraction, reflection or division of the earth waves.

Heating together and mixing together 95 parts of coal-tar oil and 5 parts of asphalt from coal-tar is recommended by a German authority for a reliable liquid to preserve wood from mould and dry rot. It gives a fine brown colour, and is waterproof.

An important advance in deep-sea surveying, saving much of the labour of present methods, is claimed for the acoustic sounding of H. Bergmann, a Norwegian engineer. The depth is estimated from the time taken by sound to travel to the bottom and back, the echo from 2,000 feet being received in one second, and the apparatus consists of a transmitter, an acoustic receiver and a chronometer. The transmitter is a slowly revolving disc which at each revolution closes an electric circuit, and energizes a magnet operating a vibrating armature. At each contact a sound is sent to the bottom of the sea, and the vibrations are tuned to the only pitch to which the specially constructed receiving microphone will respond. In accurate work, the time of contact and that of the return of the sound are registered with great precision on the revolving drum of a chronograph.

Recent gales and high tides have reminded the Englishman that his little island is being gradually swallowed up by the sea. It has been found that Great Britain lost 145,000 acres between 1850 and 1880, and 29,155 acres between 1880 and 1890. A survey in the reign of Edward I gave the Duchy of Cornwall 1,500,000 acres, but the Ordnance Survey some years ago showed that this had been reduced to 829,500 acres. Villages have disappeared in the ocean as in the case of Duwich, of which nothing remains but a ruined church on the edge of a cliff.

"Pneumatic lubrication" is what Dr. Carlo Del Lungo, of Genoa, calls his new plan for increasing the speed of ships. It consists in reducing the density of the surrounding water by pumping air into it, creating a foamy stratum in which the vessel slips forward against greatly lessened resistance.

Ball playing seems to be physiologically beyond feminine power. After careful investigation, the principal of a girls' college finds that a larger and lower setting collar bone makes the movement of the girl's arm less free than that of the boy's, so that she cannot hope to throw well.

Half a ton of the curious vegetable product known as kapok reaches Amsterdam yearly from Java. It is a yellow, wadding-like material, which covers the seeds of the Eriodendron, a rapid-growing tree of the Malacca, and its fiber is remarkable as being much lighter than cork, so that it will support in the water thirty-five times its own weight. The fiber, however, resists all attempts at spinning or weaving. It is silky, only about an inch long, and is made into thin rings. The claim is made that kapok never decays. A ten-ounce mass will support a man in water, and the substance is expected to become useful for life-saving apparatus, and is even looked upon as the probable future stuffing for all ships' beds.

Speaking to British students on "Mimicry" in animals, Dr. W. E. Hoyle, the other day

pointed out the inappropriateness of the Tai Po Road having been cancelled owing to unfavourable weather.

Examination Showman.—No. 3. The following officers, in addition to the others detailed in Garrison Order No. 3 of the 24th inst., are appointed superintending officers to conduct the examination on shortland at the Garrison School Scandal Point, on the 30th instant, commencing at 9 a.m. in accordance with para 181 Army School Regulations 1903. Captain C. M. E. Watkins, Royal Engineers. Captain E. C. L. Fitzwilliams, Army Service Corps.

Lodging Allowance—No. 4. It is notified for information that the temporary increased rates of allowance sanctioned by War Office letter Hongkong, 16/11/04 dated 22nd August, 1902 will be continued pending the receipt of a reply to a question referred to the War Office on the matter.

By Order
A. A. CHICHESTER, Major
Chief Staff Officer.

NOTICES OF FIRMS

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE.

I ESERVE THIS DAY Charge of this Agency
G. de CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, 23rd March, 1905. 1786

EASTERN EXTENSION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

M. R. A. B. SKOTTOWE will be in charge of the Company's Business at this port from To-day until further notice.

J. M. BECK,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 25th March, 1905. 1805

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

I HAVE To-day resumed charge of this Office.

A. S. MIHARA
Manager.

Hongkong, 27th March, 1905. 821

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Hongkong, 3rd October, 1900. 25

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GARRISON ORDERS.

HEAD QUARTERS, HONGKONG, 27th March, 1905.

GENERAL ORDER.—Arrivals—No. 50. The undermentioned arrived on the 24th instant per s.s. Sintora from England for duty. 2nd Royal West Kent Regt, Capt. C. G. Pack-Beresford, R.G.A., One Sergeant Trumpeter.

GARRISON ORDERS.—Departure—No. 1 2/Lt. T. H. Stanton, 13th Infantry, left on the 25th instant per s.s. Melita for England on sick leave.

GUN Practice—No. 2. With reference to Garrison Order No. 1 (1) of 14th instant, the Gun Practices on the 28th, 29th, and 30th March, 1905, near the 6th Milestone on the

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Hongkong, 21st April, 1897. 181

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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

ADAMSTON, Portuguese cruiser, 1,960, Rio de Janeiro, 27th March.—Macau 27th March.
AERENADE, German str., 611, A. P. Ulmann, 27th March.—Haiphong 23rd and Hoihow 26th March; General—Johsen & Co.
AEDVOA, British str., 2,721, W. L. Smith, 27th March.—Moji 21st March; Coal—M. B. Kishida.
AHORN, British str., 3,301, C. Kemp, 27th March.—London and Singapore 21st March; General—Doddwell & Co.
CONSTANTE, Italian str., 1,671, G. Solaro, 27th March.—Mactan 24th March; Ballast—Java China Japan Line.
ERANO, British str., 2,680, Page, 26th March.—Penang 12th June; Coal Order.
GREGORY APAC, British str., 2,961, J. G. Olifent, 27th March.—Calcutta and Suez 11th March; General—David Sasson & Co.
PELUSI, British str., 7,100, Garvis 26th March.—Shanghai 23rd March; General—Butterfield & Swire.
KWANGSUNG, British str., 1,628, W. P. Baker, 26th March.—Shanghai 22nd March and Swatow 25th; General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
LOKANG, British str., 970, L. H. Hessey, 27th March.—Wuhu and Chinkiang 22nd March; General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
MARQUIS BACQUEHEM, Austrian str., 2,752, T. Kusovitch, 27th March; Kobe and Shung-hai 24th Mar.; General—Sander, Wieler & Co.
MOUNT BLANC, Norwegian str., 2,632, Ch. Pedersen, 27th March.—Stettin 25th Jan. and Saigon 18th Mar.; Coal—Hofschroer & Co.
RESOLUT, Norwegian str., 865, M. Jorgenson, 26th March.—Barry 23rd Jan.; Coal—Order.
SCANDIA, German str., 4,560, W. V. Doshen, 26th March.—Tsingtao 22nd March; General—Hamburg America Line.
YUNNANG, British str., 1,128, P. H. Rolfe, 27th March.—Manila 24th March; General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
WOORONG, British str., 27th March, from Canton.

CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE.
27th March.
Athlone, British str., for Shanghai.
Fayle, British str., for Nagasaki.
Resolut, Norwegian str., for Sasebo.
Thomie, Norwegian str., for Kobe.

DEPARTURES.

26th March.
FIDO, British str., for Kobe.
27th March.
AMBITION, British str., for Guam.
CHITUEN, Chinese str., for Shanghai.
EBANG, British str., for Shanghai.
HANGHANG, British str., for Chinkiang.
HONGKONG, French str., for Haiphong.
KANSAI, British str., for Tientsin.
KWONGKAI, British str., for Canton.
OSCAR II, Norwegian str., for Moji.
ST. FILIERS, British str., for Manila.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The German str. Scandia reports: Calm and smooth seas.
The British str. Fayle reports: Moderate winds and fine weather throughout.
The British str. Gregory Apac reports: Fine clear weather with light breeze.
The Italian str. Cedrus reports: Fine weather over the China sea, rain and thick near the land.
The British str. Lohengrin reports: Light variable winds and occasional rainy weather with occasional fog banks.
The British str. Yuenhsien reports: Moderate winds and sea; fine weather; first part of passage, latter part overcast and rainy.

VESSELS IN DOCK.

27th March.
ABERDEEN DOCKS—Fayuseung, Telenachus.
KOWLOON DOCKS—U.S.A.T. Lieutenants.
Woolamitner Bridge—H.M.S. Whiting, Sungking, Likun, U.S.S. Harbinger, U.S.S. Barry, U.S.S. Chevancey, U.S.S. Dux, U.S.S. Decatur, U.S.S. Wisconsin, Proteus, U.S.A.T. General Alava.
COSMOPOLITAN DOCK—Loongnoon.

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THE Steamship
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Captain J. Merlin, will be despatched for the above port TO DAY, the 28th inst., at 5 P.M.
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Hongkong, 27th March, 1905.

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2. From Harbour Master's to Blake Pier.

3. From Blake Pier to Naval Yard.

4. From Naval Yard to East Point.

DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAME	FLAG & B&W	BERTH	CAPTAIN	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
LONDON & ANTWERP.	MERIONETHSHIRE.	Brit. str.	—	G. H. Burch	SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.	To-morrow, at 4 P.M.
LONDON & ANTWERP, VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	MALACCA.	Brit. str.	—	P. & O. S. N. CO.	About 29th inst.	
LONDON, &c., VIA PORTS OF CALL.	NUBIA.	Brit. str.	1 m.	F. N. Tillard	On 5th April, at Noon.	
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP.	ACHILLES.	Brit. str.	1 m.		To-day.	
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP.	MACHAOON.	Brit. str.	1 m.		On 11th April.	
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP.	KAISSON.	Brit. str.	1 m.		On 25th April.	
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP.	JAROB.	Brit. str.	1 m.		On 9th May.	
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP.	PINGSTEN.	Brit. str.	1 m.		On 23rd May.	
TOURANE.	Frenstr.	Freight.	—		On 4th April, at 1 P.M.	
P. R. LUTTOLD.	GR. KIRCHNER.	Ger. str.	k. w.		To-morrow, at Noon.	
SCANDIA.	v. Dobren.	Ger. str.	k. w.		To-day.	
SILESIA.	Knusel.	Ger. str.	k. w.		On 4th April.	
SLAVONIA.	Bahle.	Ger. str.	k. w.		On 16th April.	
SENEGAMBIA.	Madsen.	Ger. str.	k. w.		On 2nd May.	
LAERTES.	Schoenfeld.	Ger. str.	1 m.		On 20th April.	
MESSENGERS MARITIMES.	Jabur.	Ger. str.	—		On 24th April.	
MELCHERS & CO.	Rassevich.	Aust. str.	—		On 30th inst., P.M.	
HAMBURG-AMERICA LINIE.	DODWELL & CO. LTD.	Standard Oil Co.	—		On 18th April.	
HAMBURG-AMERICA LINIE.	Nicholas.	Standard Oil Co.	—		On 6th April, at Daylight.	
HAMBURG-AMERICA LINIE.	Burnett.	Standard Oil Co.	—		On 23rd April.	
HAMBURG-AMERICA LINIE.	Habel.	Standard Oil Co.	—		On 25th May.	
HAMBURG-AMERICA LINIE.	F. G. Purington.	Standard Oil Co.	—		To-morrow.	
HAMBURG-AMERICA LINIE.	Wagnes.	POETLAND & ASIATIC S.S. CO.	—		On 28th April.	
HAMBURG-AMERICA LINIE.	McArthur.	POETLAND & ASIATIC S.S. CO.	—		On 20th May.	
HAMBURG-AMERICA LINIE.	A. L. Valentini.	POETLAND & ASIATIC S.S. CO.	—		On 24th May.	
HAMBURG-AMERICA LINIE.	J. Merlin.	POETLAND & ASIATIC S.S. CO.	—		On 26th May.	
HAMBURG-AMERICA LINIE.	E. Prehn.	POETLAND & ASIATIC S.S. CO.	—		On 28th May.	
HAMBURG-AMERICA LINIE.	G. M. Montford, R.N.R.	POETLAND & ASIATIC S.S. CO.	—		On 30th inst.	
HAMBURG-AMERICA LINIE.	A. Hansen.	POETLAND & ASIATIC S.S. CO.	—		On 30th inst., at Daylight.	
HAMBURG-AMERICA LINIE.	C. Olson.	POETLAND & ASIATIC S.S. CO.	—		On 3rd April.	
HAMBURG-AMERICA LINIE.	H. A. Haraldsen.	POETLAND & ASIATIC S.S. CO.	—		On 7th April.	
HAMBURG-AMERICA LINIE.	Schlaikier.	POETLAND & ASIATIC S.S. CO.	—		On 15th April.	
HAMBURG-AMERICA LINIE.	Robson.	POETLAND & ASIATIC S.S. CO.	—		On 19th April.	
HAMBURG-AMERICA LINIE.	Hodgins.	POETLAND & ASIATIC S.S. CO.	—		On 21st April.	
HAMBURG-AMERICA LINIE.	R. Rodger.	POETLAND & ASIATIC S.S. CO.	—		On 23rd April.	
HAMBURG-AMERICA LINIE.	A. H. Notley.	POETLAND & ASIATIC S.S. CO.	—		On 27th April.	
HAMBURG-AMERICA LINIE.	T. W. Garlick.	POETLAND & ASIATIC S.S. CO.	—		On 31st inst.	
HAMBURG-AMERICA LINIE.	DODWELL & CO. LTD.	POETLAND & ASIATIC S.S. CO.	—		On 1st April, at 4 P.M.	
HAMBURG-AMERICA LINIE.	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.	POETLAND & ASIATIC S.S. CO.	—		Quick despatch.	
HAMBURG-AMERICA LINIE.	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.	POETLAND & ASIATIC S.S. CO.	—		To-morrow, at Noon.	

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Hongkong, 4th March, 1905.

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Hongkong, 23rd March, 1905.

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GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"JASON"	On 1st April.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"LAERTES"	On 8th April.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"ARDANUS"	On 8th April.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"CHING WO"	On 15th April.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"TELEMACHUS"	On 17th April.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"IOMEDEA"	On 21st April.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"CALCHAS"	On 29th April.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"DEUCALION"	On 6th May.

HOMEWARDS.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
AMSTERDAM, LONDON and ANTWERP	"ACHILLES"	On 28th March.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON and ANTWERP	"MACHAON"	On 11th April.
GENOA, MARSEILLES and LIVERPOOL	"ALCINOUS"	On 20th April.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON and ANTWERP	"KAISOW"	On 25th April.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON and ANTWERP	"JASON"	On 9th May.
GENOA, MARSEILLES and LIVERPOOL	"LAERTES"	On 20th May.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON and ANTWERP	"PINGSUEY"	On 23rd May.

• Taking cargo for Liverpool at London rates.

TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICE.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA, and all PACIFIC COAST PORTS, VIA NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	"TELEMACHUS" ...	On 20th April.
For Freight, apply to—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, AGENTS.	

Hongkong, 27th March, 1905. [9.10]

**CHINA NAVIGATION CO.
LIMITED.**

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
MANILA	"TAMING"	On 26th March.
SHANGHAI	"WOOSONG"	On 26th March.
SHANGHAI	"NINGPO"	On 26th March.
CEBU and ILOILO	"SUNGKUANG"	On 31st March.
NINGPO	"SZECHUAN"	On 31st March.
KOBE	"TAIYUAN"	On 4th April.
MANILA, PORT DARWIN, THURSDAY ISLAND, COOKTOON, CAIRNS, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE	"CHINGTU"	On 10th April.

* The attention of Passengers is directed to the superior accommodation offered by these steamers, which are fitted throughout with Electric Light. Unrivalled Table. A duly qualified Surgeon carried.

• Taking cargo on through bills of lading to all Yangtze and Northern China Ports, and taking cargo and passengers at through rates for all New Zealand Ports and other Australian Ports.

REDUCED SALOON FARES, SINGLE AND RETURN, TO MANILA AND AUSTRALIAN PORTS.

For Freight or Passage, apply to—

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, AGENTS.

Hongkong, 28th March, 1905. [11]

OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA

REGULAR STEAM-SHIP SERVICES BETWEEN HONGKONG, SOUTH CHINA COAST PORTS AND FORMOSA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

FOR	STEAMERS	LEAVING
FOOCHOW, VIA SWATOW	"TRIUMPH"	WEDNESDAY, 29th Mar. at 7 A.M.
AMOY	"A. HANSEN"	SUNDAY, 2nd April.
TAMSUI, VIA SWATOW AND AMOY	"B. BJORNSEN"	at 7 A.M.
ANPING, VIA SWATOW AND AMOY	"C. OLSEN"	WEDNESDAY, 5th April, at 7 A.M.
TAMSUI, VIA SWATOW AND AMOY	"DECIMA"	SUNDAY, 9th April.
	"DECIMA"	at 7 A.M.
	"FRIITHJOF"	
	"H. HARALDSEN"	

On account of the present state of political affairs, all the Company's new steamers have been requisitioned for transport service, and the above-named chartered steamers have been secured instead for maintenance of the Company's coastal services. As soon as the state of affairs permit, the Company will resume running with its specially designed new steamers.

For Freight, Passage, and further information, apply at the Company's local Branch Office at No. 8 Des Vieux Rues Central.

Hongkong, 27th March, 1905. T. ARIMA, Manager. [14]

HONGKONG—MANILA.

Highest Class, newest, fastest and most luxurious Steamers between Hongkong and Manila. Saloon amidships. Electric Light. Perfect Cuisine. SURGEON and STEWARDESS carried. All the most up-to-date arrangements for comfort of Passengers.

**CHINA AND MANILA
STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.**

STEAMSHIP	TONS.	CAPTAIN.	FOR	SAILING DATE.
ZAFIRO	2540	R. Rodger	Manila.	Saturday, 1st April.
RUBI	2540	A. H. Norley	Manila.	Saturday, 8th April.

For Freight or Passage apply to

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., GENERAL MANAGERS.

Hongkong, 27th March, 1905. [15]

SOUTH AFRICAN LINE OF STEAMERS.

HONGKONG DIRECT, OR VIA CHEFOO OR CHIN-WAN-TAO, TO DURBAN, NATAL. The following chartered steamers will run at intervals of about 3 weeks—

SS. "LOTHIAN"	Captain J. C. Williamson.
SS. "INDRAVELLI"	Captain S. Callington.
SS. "COURTFIELD"	Captain J. W. Martin.
SS. "GRANLEY"	Captain W. E. Steele.
SS. "IKBAL"	Captain M. Robertson.
SS. "ASCO"	Captain C. E. Cox.
SS. "SIKH"	Captain J. Rowley.
SS. "INKULA"	Captain Dean.
SS. "KATHERINE PARK"	Captain Copp.

For Freight, apply to

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., AGENTS.

Hongkong, 10th February, 1905. [19]

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL

STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL	REMARKS.
LONDON and ANTWERP, VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, MALACCA, COLOMBO, PORT SAID and MARSEILLES	G. W. Babst, R.N.L.	About 29th March.	Freight and Passage.
YOKOHAMA via SHANGHAI, MOJI and KOBE (Passing through the Inland Sea)	A. L. Valentini	About 2nd April.	Freight only.
SHANGHAI	CORONELAND	About 7th April.	Freight and Passage.
LONDON, &c.	NUBIA	Noon, 8th April.	See Special Advertisement.

For further Particulars, apply to

L. S. LEWIS
Acting Superintendent.

Hongkong, 27th March, 1905.

REGULAR
STEAMSHIP SERVICE TO NEW YORK,
VIA PORTS AND SUEZ CANAL (WITH LIBERTY TO CALL AT MALABAR COAST).

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG, 1905. About LOWTHER CASTLE ... 18th April. For Freight and further information, apply to DODWELL & CO. LTD., Agents, Hongkong, 23rd February, 1905.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer

"SIMLA"

FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessels are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out, mark by mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

This Vessel brings on Cargo:—

From London, ex s.s. Moldavia and Arabia.

From Australia, ex s.s. Mongolia.

From Calcutta, ex s.s. Somali.

From Persian Gulf or ex s.s. B. I. S. N. and B. P. S. N. Co.'s Steamers.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 1 p.m., To-day, the 24th inst.

Goods not cleared by the 30th inst., at 4 p.m., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee's and the Company's representatives at an appointed hour. All Claims must be presented within two days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 30th March, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 1st April, they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 30th March, at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by DODWELL & CO. LTD., Agents.

Hongkong, 24th March, 1905. [16]

NOTICE.

OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA.

THE OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA beg to announce the opening of NEW REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICES as follows:

(1) Between HONGKONG & SHANGHAI via SWATOW, AMOY and FOOCHOW: tri-monthly service, commencing from 4th April, 1905, with two steamers.

At Shanghai connection is made with the Company's regular steamers for Yangtze River Ports, as well as with the steamers for North China ports.

(2) Between TAMSUI, AMOY and FOOCHOW: tri-monthly service, commencing from 6th April, 1905.

At Amoy connection is made with the Company's regular steamers for Formosa and other ports.

For particulars of steamers and proposed sailing dates see separate advertisement. As soon as conditions permit, the present steamers on the lines will be replaced by new and up-to-date steamers.

T. ARIMA, Manager.

Hongkong, 25th March, 1905. [16]

NOTICE TO SHIPPERS.

THE NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA are prepared, during suspension of their Trans-Pacific Service and until further notice to book cargo and issue Bills of Lading to SEATTLE, WASH., VICTORIA, B.C., and PACIFIC COAST PORTS, also to OVERLAND POINTS in the UNITED STATES and CANADA in connection with the GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY from SEATTLE as

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

The *s.s. Prinz Eitel Friedrich*, with the German Mail of 28th February, left Singapore on Thursday the 23rd inst., at 6 p.m. and may be expected here today.
The *Armand Behic*, with the French Mail of the 3rd March, left Singapore on Monday, the 27th inst., at 4 p.m., and may be expected here on or about Monday, the 3rd inst. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on the 23rd January.

MAILS WILL CLOSE

FOR	PEE	DATE
Macao	Tuesday	28th, 7.30 A.M.
Canton	Tuesday	28th, 7.30 A.M.
Swatow	Tuesday	28th, 9.00 A.M.
Macao	Tuesday	28th, 1.15 P.M.
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Tuesday	28th, 2.00 P.M.
Shanghai	Tuesday	28th, 3.00 P.M.
Manila	Tuesday	28th, 3.00 P.M.
Kobe	Tuesday	28th, 4.00 P.M.
Hollow and Pakhoi	Tuesday	28th, 5.00 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Tuesday	28th, 5.00 P.M.
Kungmoo, Kunchuk and Kaukong	Tuesday	28th, 5.00 P.M.
Canton	Tuesday	28th, 5.00 P.M.
Nantao	Tuesday	28th, 5.00 P.M.
Sambo	Tuesday	28th, 5.00 P.M.
Macao	Tuesday	28th, 5.00 P.M.
Canton	Tuesday	28th, 5.00 P.M.
Singapore	Tuesday	28th, 10.00 A.M.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, VICTORIA AND VANCOUVER (B.C.)		
(Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail, Extra Postage 10 cents)		

EUROPE, &c., India via Tuticorin
(Late Letters 11.30 to 11.30 A.M. Extra
Postage 10 cents.)
(Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes
in time for the first clearance will be
included in this contract mail.)

Macao	Wednesday, 29th, 1.15 P.M.
Siam-Chai	Wednesday, 29th, 3.00 P.M.
Takking	Wednesday, 29th, 5.00 P.M.
Hankow	Wednesday, 29th, 5.00 P.M.
Taichan	Wednesday, 29th, 5.00 P.M.
Wingchau	Wednesday, 29th, 5.00 P.M.
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TO-DAY.

Sale, Wines, Sales Rooms, Messrs. Hughes and Hough, 11 a.m.
Sale, Coal, Sam Yick Storage Yard, Mongkok, Messrs. Hughes and Hough, 11 a.m.
Sale, Japanese Curios, Sales Rooms, Mr. V. I. Remond, 2.30 p.m.
Sale, Household Furniture, No. 17, Seymour Road, Mr. G. P. Lamont, 2.45 p.m.
Diallo-Laudau Opera Co., Theatre Royal, 9 p.m.

TO-MORROW.

Sale, Stores, Volunteer Head Quarters, Messrs. Hughes and Hough, 11 a.m.

COMMERCIAL.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

27th March

ON LONDON.—
Telegraphic Transfer 1.10.
Bank Bills, on demand 1.10.
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight 1.10.
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight 1.10.
Credits, at 4 months' sight 1.10.
Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight 1.10.

ON PARIS.—
Bank Bills, on demand 234
Credits, at 4 months' sight 2374

ON GERMANY.—
On demand 1904

ON NEW YORK.—
Bank Bills, on demand 454

Credits, 60 days' sight 46

ON BOMBAY.—
Telegraphic Transfer 1381

Bank, on demand 1381

ON CALCUTTA.—
Telegraphic Transfer 1381

Bank, on demand 1381

ON SHANGHAI.—
Bank, at sight 713

Private, 30 days' sight 723

ON YOKOHAMA.—On demand 914

ON MANILA.—On demand—Pesos—91

ON SINGAPORE.—On demand 914

ON KATAVIA.—On demand 1113

ON HAIPHONG.—On demand 2 p.m.

ON SAIGON.—On demand 1 p.m.

ON BANGKOK.—On demand 61

SOVEREIGN BANK'S Buying Rate \$10.65

GOLD LEAFL, 100 lbs, per ton 855.70

BAR SILVER, per oz 254

OPIUM.

27th March

Quotations are—Allow one to 1 catty.

Malwa New \$1120 to — per piou.

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Malwa Older \$1250 to — "

Malwa V. Old \$1330 to — "

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